

AMENDMENT

Entry of the following is respectfully requested. Kindly amend the following.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly delete the paragraph commencing on Page 1, line 5 and replace with the following:

This application is a Continuation of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to United States Patent Application Number 09/577,653 entitled: *Cordless Power Tool Battery Release Mechanism*, filed on May 24, 2000 which in turn claims priority as a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. §120 to United States Patent Application Number 29/105,748, filed on June 1, 1999, entitled: Battery Powered Drill/Driver, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.